



President's Message

Diane Duffey, Habush Habush & Rottier

An "underrated career"?



According to US News & World Report in January, librarianship is one of the excellent career choices for 2006! And yet, it is called "an underrated career." I think we've seen unfortunate evidence of this close to home in various ways. Recently, our secretary Lynne Gehrke asked her fellow LLAW members via

the listserv for material to justify making a law firm librarian position full time. This got me thinking - what would MY firm do if my hours were cut back to part time? Another thought: how HAVE they managed already at times when I haven't been available?

I took a medical leave a few years ago, and received a "get well" card from my firm's Milwaukee office staff. On the outside it said, "we wish you a speedy recovery so you can get back to the office and do your job..." and on the inside it said, "...of course, we can't figure out just what it is that you do!" Obviously, there are a few different ways to read that statement -- but I thought, gosh, it's rather true: they really don't know just what I do! No one else at the firm could really substitute for me, could they?! A librarian is pretty important! It's unfortunate that so often the librarian/library staff positions are seen as "gravy" positions, and not as real STAPLES in an organization.

If you ever have the time and haven't done something similar already, I propose a little exercise: imagine what your organization would do if you disappeared for, say, just a couple of weeks. Write down what you come up with. It will probably make you smile, when you think of the people you work for trying to "do just what it is

that you do." Come up with some amusing anecdotes. Consider using some of this material tactfully at your next review. Please feel free to share your lists or stories with me; we can use a good compilation of "just what it is librarians do" as a resource for our members. And if you don't do this already, start saving those little messages of praise that people may email you every once in a while when you've helped them out. Even if you don't ever go public with them, you can look them over every so often when you're feeling cranky, on the job or off. Yes, I do this! Maybe it is goofy, but hey - it DOES help a bad mood! And it reminds me of what I bring to my organization.

It's the Information Age: the need for information pervades our society and our work. Information sources and services are continually in a state of flux. The librarian is THE person in the organization to keep on top

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of these almost daily changes and evaluate the new and changing services. We ARE too often underrated. I feel that this calls for an uprising! But OK -- I'm sure probably none of us could afford to go on strike or do anything so drastic. However, we can continue our networking and collaboration with each other. Since I have been in librarianship, one trait I have truly appreciated among many of my colleagues is the almost natural desire to share information and resources with others, even including me -- the oddball at the plaintiffs' personal injury firm! We generally have a neutral environment of cooperation. I especially value the ideas I've gotten from colleagues on how to better market myself and make my position essential at my firm. Our dedication to service is a big part of what makes us essential to the legal professionals we assist, as they in turn provide services to their clients and patrons.

Thanks for reading. I wish everyone a safe winter and a peaceful holiday season!

LLAW Professional Development Grants Available

In a continuing effort to encourage professional education, the LLAW Grants Committee will consider applications from active members wishing to apply for financial assistance to pursue professional development activities. In selecting grant recipients, the Grants Committee will consider:

1. Lack of financial assistance from employer
2. Commitment to law librarianship as demonstrated by employment record and professional activities
3. Participation in LLAW and potential benefit to the chapter
4. Potential benefit to the applicant for enhancing skills and professional development
5. Whether the applicant has been awarded a LLAW grant previously

Please visit the Grants Committee web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/grants/> for more information and for the application form.



LLAW Salutes 2006 Law Librarian “Unsung Heroes”

Connie Von Der Heide, Wisconsin State Law Library

“Lawyers and judges in Wisconsin do terrific work. But where would they be without the members of their support staff who, behind the scenes, quietly make it all happen?” This, according to Ann E. Richmond, Publisher of the Wisconsin Law Journal,* is the question she and her staff asked themselves earlier this year after their annual Leaders in the Law event at which they honor Wisconsin’s top attorneys. It prompted them to organize another event to recognize paralegals, legal secretaries, law librarians, firm administrators, court clerks - the “unsung heroes” of Wisconsin’s legal community.

Nominations were received for individuals in eight different Unsung Heroes categories: Court Staff, Human Resources, Law Firm Administrators, Law Librarians, Legal Community Service, Legal Marketing, Legal Secretaries, and Paralegals. Seven law librarians were nominated: Carol Bannen, Reinhart Boerner van Deuren s.c.; Jill Bradshaw, LaFollete Godfrey & Kahn S.C.; Robin Cork, Marquette University Law Library; Rick Hendricks, DeWitt Ross & Stevens s.c.; Louise Jellings, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP; Rebecca Knutson, Milwaukee Legal Resource Center; and Julie Tessmer, Wisconsin State Law Library. The only category with more nominees was Paralegals.

LLAW President Diane Duffey, along with representatives of the Wisconsin Association of Legal Administrators, Wisconsin Association for Legal Professionals, the Association for



Julie Tessmer, Unsung Hero Winner



Unsung Hero Nominees: Jill Bradshaw, Rebecca Knutson, Robin Cork, Louise Jellings, and Carol Bannen

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Women Lawyers, the Paralegal Association of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Law Journal served on the judging panel, which had the tough task of reviewing the nominations and choosing an award winner in each category. On November 10 the Wisconsin Law Journal held a special recognition luncheon at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, where all 41 nominees were recognized and winners in each category were announced. Julie Tessmer, won the award in the Law Librarian category.

LLAW congratulates each and every one of the seven law librarians who were nominated, and thanks the people who nominated them - some of whom are also law librarians. You are all heroes, and we commend you for shining the spotlight brightly on Wisconsin law librarians. You do us proud.

*The [November 15 issue of the Wisconsin Law Journal](#) contains a special insert saluting all the 2006 Unsung Heroes of Wisconsin's legal community.

(Photographs taken by Kira Zaporski)



Julie Tessmer with Diane Duffey, LLAW President

Member News

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, was the featured speaker at the October meeting of the Paralegal Association of Wisconsin. She addressed "Internet Strategies" in a 45-minute presentation.

Tony Chan, Amy Gannaway, Bonnie Shucha and **Heidi Yelk** presented *Internet Searches: How to Get Accurate and Reliable Information*, at an NBI seminar in Madison, on September 26.

Mary Koshollek, Godfrey & Kahn:

- represented private law libraries as a panelist for the UWM School of Information Science - Student Organization's "Resume and Interviewing Workshop" on Saturday, October 14. Panelists discussed best practices, presentation values, career planning, etiquette and the hiring process at their various institutions in order to help students polish their job-finding skills. Library school students also brought their resumes and participated in individual mock interviews with the panelists; and,

- wrote *Assessing Information on the Internet* in the November issue of the [Wisconsin Lawyer](#)

Laura La Rose is the new Information Research Specialist at Reinhart Boerner. She began her current position on November 6.

Bonnie Shucha, University of Wisconsin Law Library, wrote:

- *RSS: Making the Internet Subscribeable* in the August issue of the [Wisconsin Lawyer](#) and,

- *The State of the Law Library Blogosphere* at LLRX.com, <http://www.llrx.com/features/blogosphere.htm>

and presented *Blogging in Libraries* at the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislative Research Librarians, [Professional Development Seminar](#), held in Madison on October 20.

Kira Zaporski, Marquette University Law Library, and **Bev Butula** presented at the ABA Solo/Small Firm Conference held in Milwaukee on October 19-20. The topics presented were *Getting More from your Research Dollar* and *60 Top Technology Practice and Tips*.

Jenny Zook, University of Wisconsin Law Library, and **Bev Butula** spoke at an NBI CLE event entitled *Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals*, held in Milwaukee on November 2, and in Madison on November 3.

New Member Spotlight

Barbara Fritschel is the new Federal Courts Librarian in Milwaukee. She grew up in Stevens Point, WI, and earned her J.D. from UW-Madison and her MLS from U-Washington-Seattle. She has spent the last 14 years working as the federal court librarian in Beaumont, TX, which she got to evacuate for six weeks due to Hurricane Rita. She is a member of AALL and is on the executive board of the State, Court, County Law Library Special Interest Section. Barbara has an identical twin sister and two cats and is looking forward to not only being closer to family but being back in the land of cheese and brats.



Renew Your LLAW Membership!

*****see page 23 for membership form*****

Questions about LLAW membership?

Contact the Membership Chair:

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Why Do You Belong to AALL? Write it down and Win!

Our profession and its Association have changed greatly in the last 100 years, but have the reasons for joining and retaining our memberships in AALL changed all that much?

The AALL Membership and Retention Committee is sponsoring a 500-word writing contest to find out why membership in AALL is important to you. We want to know what you've gained and what you value from your membership, including illustrative examples or anecdotes. As an added incentive, three winners will receive free full registrations to the New Orleans Meeting next summer. Judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, and quality and clarity of writing.

So, rise to the challenge! As we embark on AALL's second 100 years, we invite you to tell us the reasons why you belong to AALL. This is also your opportunity for fame (winning entries will be published in Spectrum) and fortune (winners will receive free full registrations for the 2007 Annual Meeting). Read on for more details.

Contest Guidelines

- Contest participants must be current AALL members.
- Entries will be divided into three groups based on years as a law librarian: 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years.
- One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.
- The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of AALL Spectrum, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006. Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov fax 860/706-5086; or phone 860/706-5151.

* Submitted entries become property of AALL.

AALL 2006: An LLAW Grant Recipient's Experience

Connie Von Der Heide, Wisconsin State Law Library

It had been four years since I last attended an AALL annual meeting, so I was very excited about going to St. Louis this past July to reconnect with colleagues from around the country and take part in the celebration of AALL's centennial conference. My sincere thanks to LLAW for helping me get there by awarding me a grant to help cover registration, travel and lodging expenses.

I'm a member of the State, Court & County Law Libraries (SCCLL) Special Interest Section, which held several events and activities during the conference. First up for me was the SCCLL Committee Chairs meeting, at which I heard reports on the work of all the committees and learned more about my duties as the incoming chair of the Education Committee. It was just in time, because a couple days later I would be leading the Ed. Committee meeting in the outgoing chair's absence. Jane Colwin and I both attended the Sunday morning SCCLL breakfast and business meeting, where we saw Marcia Koslov, former Wis. State Law Librarian, and Betsy Vipperman, former WSLL Reference & Outreach Services Librarian. Marcia is now the director of the Los Angeles County Law Library, and Betsy is Senior Librarian for Public Services at the New York Appellate Division Law Library in Rochester.

Another SCCLL highlight was the Tuesday evening reception on the 28th floor of the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, located just a few blocks from the convention center. Completed in 2000, the facility is the home of the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and the E.D. Missouri District and Bankruptcy Courts. Guests were treated to tours of both court and law library spaces, and delicious hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Thomson-West. Perhaps the most unique thing about the 8th Circuit law library is that it provides a nearly perfect view of the field at neighboring Busch Stadium. Who needs season tickets?! From there I made it back to the convention center just in time for the AALL Centennial Variety Show, where the standing room only crowd was treated to truly creative skits, songs, and parodies that had us rolling in the aisles. I saw a couple LLAW members on stage that evening; hats off to you!



Over 70 substantive programs were presented at the conference, and I attended as many as I could. From collaborative efforts to improve access to legal information for pro se litigants, to new and evolving ways of using handheld devices in law libraries, to learning about compassion fatigue and how to prevent it, there was literally something for everyone. For nearly every program I attended, my notes include a new idea to try or a different way to approach something we're working on here at WSLL.

Another interesting session I attended was a joint roundtable on library service to pro se patrons and prisoners, sponsored by three AALL Special Interest Sections: Social Responsibilities, Research Instruction & Patron Services, and Legal Information Services to the Public. The 45 people who attended shared their experiences and strategies in assisting and dealing with the expectations of self-represented litigants. Suggestions included giving them choices (eg., you can read this--or not; you can get an attorney, do it yourself, or do nothing); and listening empathetically, which is sometimes all they need or want and often helps them figure out exactly what their question is. Following that discussion, Barbara Golden, Minnesota State Law Librarian, described her library's Law Library Service to Prisoners (LLSP) program, which began in 1984. LLSP librarians visit inmates in each of the eight Minnesota primary adult correctional facilities at least once a month to assist them with research, and they maintain core legal collections in the prison libraries. In 2004, they made 120 prison visits and served 1,776 inmates.

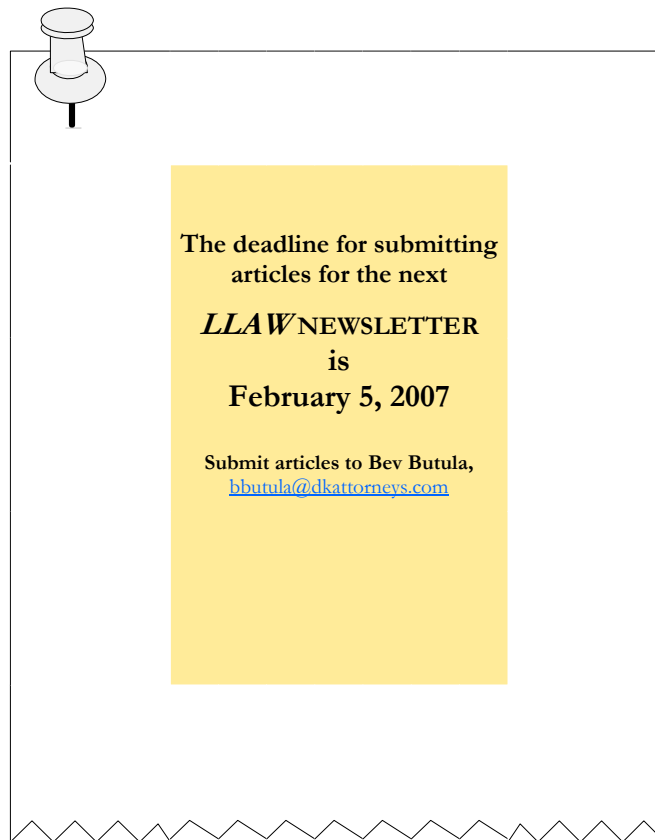
Both plenary sessions of the conference were excellent. Linda Greenhouse, Pulitzer Prize-winning U.S. Supreme Court correspondent for The New York Times, gave a fascinating account of researching and writing her new book,

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Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey. As the first print news reporter to have access to Blackmun's extensive archive and private and public papers, Greenhouse had the daunting task of sifting through the nearly 500,000 documents in the collection; the finding aid alone is over 300 pages long. Bob Berring, law professor at UC-Berkeley and legal research "guru," gave a centennial tribute, "Pioneering Change by Remembering Pioneers." In looking at where we've been and where we're going as a profession, he used several quotes, including one by Isaiah Berlin, "The fox knows many things; the hedgehog knows one big thing." Berring said that while gathering information used to be the one big thing librarians knew, the focus now is on guaranteeing authenticity of information. He suggested that in this age of foxes, law librarianship is a hedgehog. The one big thing we know is how to guarantee high quality information to anyone who needs it, and the role of librarians should be to ensure that information is permanent, authentic and accessible.

I also made several visits to the exhibits area, where opportunities abounded for learning about the latest new Lexis and Westlaw features as well as many other legal research products and services. I didn't win anything in the daily AALL prize drawings, but I did come home with a couple free books, some pens and other goodies to replenish my National Library Week prize bag, and my favorite item, distributed by the Houston Area Law Librarians: a red wooden ruler emblazoned with the words "Librarians Rule!" Need I say more?



Recommended Readings

Cindy May, University Of Wisconsin Law Library

“Annotated Legal Bibliography on Gender.” Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender 12:471-527 (Fall 2005)

Annotations of law review articles are arranged by topic: domestic violence, education, family, history & culture, immigration, international law & human rights, same-sex marriage, sex crimes, sexual identity, and workplace discrimination & harassment.

Arzt, Donna E. “Bluebooking the Blue Helmets: How Not To Cite the U.N. Charter.” Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce 33:467-477 (Spring 2006)

In this short article the author describes the Bluebook’s existing method for citation of the U.N. Charter and what the citation might be, instead. She explains why she thinks the Bluebook is wrong and why it matters.

Babb, Nancy. “Bibliography versus Auto-Bibliography: Tackling the Transformation of Traditions in the Research Process.” Law Library Journal 98:451-480 (Summer 2006)

The author investigates how compiling a bibliography from an online catalog compares to more traditionally compiled bibliographies and what is lost when researchers rely solely on catalog-generated bibliographies.

Barron, Paul. “It’s Not Rocket Science: Making Sense of Scientific Evidence.” LLRX (August 15, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/scientificevidence.htm>

Bay, Monica. “The Long Tail Wags Legal.” Law Technology News 13(9):32-35 (September 2006)

In this article, the author polls legal technology community leaders on how they think Chris Anderson’s theory of the long tail will affect law practice.

Blitz, Marc Jonathan. “Constitutional Safeguards for Silent Experiments in Living: Libraries, the Right to Read, and a First Amendment Theory for an Unaccompanied Right to Receive Information.” UMKC Law Review 74:799-882 (Summer 2006)

The author explores the concept of a constitutional right to receive information and ideas, and discusses important practical consequences of such a right for libraries.

Demers, Annette. “Women and War: A Bibliography of Recent Works.” International Journal of Legal Information 34:98-144 (Spring 2006)

This bibliography is ordered by topic, including: Bibliographies, Command responsibility, Female soldiers, Feminist analyses, Impact on women, Issues in peacekeeping, Justice and legal analyses, Peace building, Post-conflict issues, Sexual violence, Symposia, and numerous country-specific works arranged alphabetically by country.

Eiseman, Jason. “Small Content, Long Tails, and Big Ideas in Law Libraries.” LLRX (September 17, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/smallcontent.htm>

Farrow, Trevor C.W. “Dispute Resolution and Legal Education: A Bibliography.” Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution 7:119-138 (Fall 2005)

This selected bibliography is intended as a resource to help in the development of dispute resolution programs in legal education and research. It emphasizes law reform initiatives that are considering dispute resolution as a potentially useful tool for increasing access to civil justice.

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Friedmann, Ron. "Pragmatic Approaches to Knowledge Management." LLRX (August 17, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/pragmatickm.htm>

Furlong, John and Doe, Susan. "Researching European Law: A Basic Introduction."
Legal Information Management 6:136-146 (Summer 2006)

The purpose of this paper is to provide a simple introduction to the laws of the European Union. The appendix includes a bibliography, a list of online resources and research guides, and a list of EU websites.

Garvin, Peggy. "Government Documents and the News." LLRX (August 15, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain19.htm>

Greene, Dione Christopher. "The Federal Courts of Appeals, Unpublished Decisions, and the No-Citation Rule."
Indiana Law Journal 81:1503-1520 (Fall 2006)

The Note provides a broad overview of the history of unpublished opinions, the no-citation rules, and the constitutional attacks on the rules.

Haraf, Jo. "Subscriptions a la Carte." Law Technology News 13(8):52, 58 (August 2006)

Jo Haraf, chief information officer at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco, describes My Subscriptions, her library's online "superstore" that offers her firm's attorneys self-service access to 1,400 library resources and e-mail distribution groups.

Hurwitz, Daniel S. "A Proposal in Hindsight: Restoring Copyright's Delicate Balance by Reworking 17 US 1201."
UCLA Entertainment Law Review 13:263-321 (Spring 2006)

This article argues that the anticircumvention provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act enlarge the scope of copyright, restrict the public domain, and risk gutting the fair use doctrine. The author proposes a redrafting of the law.

Jenks, Paul. "Congressional Intent." LLRX (September 17, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/congress/congressionalintent.htm>

Jenks, Paul. "Congressional Leadership." LLRX (October 15, 2006)
<http://www.llrx.com/congress/congressionalleadership.htm>

Kennedy, Dennis. "Joining Blogomania Without Becoming a Blogger."
Law Office Computing 16(3):57-61 (June/July 2006)

This article discusses how law professionals can benefit from using blogging software and techniques without actually becoming bloggers. Benefits include an improved Internet presence, better content, more traffic, easy maintenance, and reduced costs.

Kwall, Roberta Rosenthal. "Library Reproduction Rights for Preservation and Replacement in the Digital Era: An Author's Perspective on Section 108." Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts 29:343-360 (Spring 2006)

This Commentary argues that Section 108 of the 1976 Copyright Act should be revised to eliminate 1) the distinction between published and unpublished works, 2) the three-copy limit, and 3) the restriction on availability to within the physical library.

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Lapachet, Jaye A. H. and Rubin, Andrea. "Enhancing Law Library Catalogs." National Law Journal 28(40):15, 20 (June 12, 2006)

Graphics, hyperlinks, and improved searching capabilities make law library online catalogs more effective research tools.

MacLean, Pamela A. "Battle Building over Net 'Tollgate'." National Law Journal 28(52):1, 17 (August 28, 2006)

Internet neutrality advocates want to keep cable and phone companies from creating a tiered Internet payment system resembling home tv cable service. The companies counter that they should be paid for the billions of dollars they've invested in the country's fiber-optic network.

Mart, Susan Nevelow. "Cite Checking: A Brave New World." Legal Information Alert 25(4):1, 4-9 (April 2006)

This article compares the results of Shepardizing a case in Lexis and cite checking the same case in Westlaw's KeyCite, limiting the results of both searches by headnote. It concludes that there is little overlap in results, and consequently that a thorough search requires using both services.

Mills, Elinor. "Most Reliable Search Tool Could Be Your Librarian." CNET News.com (September 29, 2006) http://news.com.com/2100-1032_3-6120778.html

Pacifici, Sabrina I. "Identity Theft: A Bibliography of Federal, State, Consumer and News Resources." LLRX (September 17, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/idtheft.htm>

Peckar, Rissa and Biagiotti, Joseph L. "Bridging the Generation Gap over Legal Research." National Law Journal 28(40):17, 19 (June 12, 2006)

Every generation of lawyers has its own way of achieving timely, high quality, and cost-effective service. This article deals with how the law firm library can assist Mature Generation, Baby Boomer, Generation X, and Generation Y lawyers cope with both print and online legal research.

Phillips, Kara. "Deal or No Deal – Licensing & Acquiring Digital Resources." LLRX (October 15, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/columns/deal1.htm>

Pray, John and Lichstein, Byron. "The Evolution through Experience of Criminal Clinics: The Criminal Appeals Project at the University of Wisconsin Law School's Remington Center." Mississippi Law Journal 75:795-823 (2006)

This article describes the UW Law School's Criminal Appeals Project, discusses the project's six core principles that have evolved over the years, and explains how those principles are reflected in the design and implementation of the project.

Raisch, Marylin J. "European Union Law: An Integrated Guide to Electronic and Print Research." LLRX (September 17, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/eulaw2.htm>

Rosin, Katherine. "Success by the Book." Legal Management 23(3):65-70 (May/June 2006)

This article explores how the roles and responsibilities of firm librarians have grown and evolved and reveals how legal administrators can work with librarians to drive their firms' long-term success.

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Rusanow, Gretta. "Global Law Firm Knowledge Management Survey 2006." LLRX (August 15, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/kmsurvey2006.htm>

Shucha, Bonnie. "RSS: Making the Internet Subscribeable." Wisconsin Lawyer 79(8):14-17 (August 2006) <http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Search&template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=59879>

LLAW member Bonnie Shucha advises lawyers on how RSS can save them time and money by automatically delivering updates of Web content directly to their computers.

Shucha, Bonnie. "The State of the Law Library Blogosphere." LLRX (August 15, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/blogosphere.htm>

Strutin, Ken. "Criminal Justice Resources: Prisoners' Rights and Resources on the Web." LLRX (August 15, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/prisonersrights.htm>

Strutin, Ken. "Juvenile Law and Family Court Resources." LLRX (October 15, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/features/juvenilelaw.htm>

"Symposium: The LSAT, *U.S. News and World Report*, and Minority Admissions." St. John's Law Review 80:1-321 (Winter 2006)

This symposium issue includes ten papers on various aspects of the Law School Admission Test, law school rankings, law school admissions policies, and efforts to increase the number of minority law students.

Wilson, Terri. "A Cup of Creativi-tea: Brainstorming." LLRX (September 17, 2006) <http://www.llrx.com/columns/creativitea6.htm>

Yates, Sarah. "Scaling the Tower of Babel Fish: An Analysis of the Machine Translation of Legal Information." Law Library Journal 98:481-500 (Summer 2006)

This article compares professional translations to computer-generated translations of legal texts using Babel Fish (<http://babelfish.altavista.com/translate.dyn>). Most of the samples contained significant errors, but conveyed enough meaning to indicate what type of information the documents contained.

Zemer, Lior. "The Copyright Moment." San Diego Law Review 43:247-317 (Spring 2006)

The author argues that copyright laws are becoming laws of exclusion, allowing individuals to possess economic power and knowledge over what are in fact collective products, but that copyright should embody the mutual commitment of authors and the public to preserve and enrich our culture.

* Photocopies of articles from periodicals cited herein may be obtained through the regular photocopy services of the UW Law Library (608-262-3394) or the Wisconsin State Law Library (608-266-1600).

Events Calendar

2007	
January 3-6	AALS 2007 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. http://www.aals.org/am2007/index.html
Jan. 19-24	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/midwinter/2007/home.htm
Jan. 29-31	Legal Tech New York 2007 http://www.almevents.com/r5/cob_page.asp?category_id=41146
Feb. 28	Photo Contest Deadline: AALL, Day in the Life of the Law Library Community http://www.aallnet.org/dayinlife/
March 22-24	ABA Techshow 2007, Chicago http://www.abanet.org/techshow/
June 3-6	SLA Annual Conference, Denver http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/index.cfm
June 21-27	ALA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2007a/home.htm
July 14-17	AALL Annual Meeting, New Orleans http://www.aallnet.org/events/#
AALL Calendar of events, http://www.aall.org/calendar/default.asp?page=1&sort=1&arc=no	
<u>Future AALL Annual Meetings:</u> July 12-15, 2008 Portland July 25-28, 2009 Washington, D.C. July 10-13, 2010 Denver	
<u>Future SLA Meetings:</u> July 27-30, 2008 Seattle June 14-17, 2009 Washington, D.C. June 13-16, 2010 New Orleans	

First Quarterly Board Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
August 29, 2006
Offices of Habush, Habush & Rottier S.C.
Phone conference – Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin

I. Called to order at 12:18 pm by President Diane Duffey

Present at the Milwaukee office were:

President Diane Duffey	Past President Bev Butula
Secretary Lynne Gehrke	Treasurer Jim Mumm
Government Relations . . . Tony Chan	Public Relations Susan O'Toole

Present at the Madison office were:

VP/President Elect Carol Schmitt	Grants Amy Thornton
Membership Julie Tessmer	Placement Angela Ames
Program Carol Schmitt	Program Jenny Zook
Web Site Heidi Yelk	Public Access Angela Sanfilippo

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Jim Mumm moved to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2006, Board meeting that was held at Ruggeri's in Delafield as submitted and Carol Schmitt moved to second. The board members agreed unanimously. No one opposed, and no one abstained.

At this point the meeting had to be suspended when the fire alarms went off in the Milwaukee office and the office had to be evacuated. The board members in the Madison office used this time to discuss audio/video and computer needs for the September program. The meeting reconvened at 12:35.

III. Treasurer's Report (Jim Mumm)

Treasurer's Report:	For the fiscal year (2005-2006)	
	Ending balance – checking account	\$2,088.01
	Ending balance – savings account	\$3,667.60
	Total	\$5,755.61
	Currently (as of 8/29/06)	
	Ending balance – checking account	\$3,552.73
	Ending balance – savings account	\$3,667.60
	Total	\$7,220.33

IV. President's Report

- a. Summary of AALL: St. Louis, "Pioneering Change"
Twenty-one members of LLAW attended the convention and 3 members, Carol Bannen, Cindy May, and Mary Mahoney served as speakers at the convention.
- b. Summer business
The *Wisconsin Law Journal* will be holding a luncheon on November 10, 2006, to honor the nominees for the inaugural year of the *Law Journal's* Unsung Heroes awards. Awards will be given in seven categories for legal support staff including court staff, law librarians, legal marketing, legal secretary, human resources, law firm administrators, and paralegals.

The LLAW Board agreed to be involved. Diane Duffey served as LLAW representative and reviewed the nominations on August 15, 2006. Diane noted that several people nominated "librarians"

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and “library staff” in general, rather than an individual. Diane plans to suggest to the Wisconsin Law Journal that they change the category to “Library Staff”.

LLAW was asked to co-sponsor a proposal for a program that would be presented at the AALL PIC's 2007 Annual Meeting Editor's Roundtable program. The proposal is entitled, “A Win-Win Partnership: Law Editors and Law Librarians”. Although the board members overwhelmingly supported the idea, it was later determined that the sponsorship position had already been filled and LLAW participation was not necessary. However, if the proposal is accepted, LLAW will be listed as a co-sponsor with the Virginia Association of Law Libraries.

V. Committee Reports

Archives (Kira Zaporski)

Diane Duffey reported that Kira Zaporski was still looking into what she should do with the 10 boxes of material currently being kept at Northwestern Mutual.

Government Relations (Tony Chan)

Had nothing to report

Grants (Amy Thornton)

Had nothing to report

Membership (Julie Tessmer)

Currently there are:	Active members	67	Associate members	3
	Student members	4	Sustaining members	3

Julie Tessmer is going to contact former members to encourage their continued participation and hopes to have the membership over 100 by the first members' meeting. Someone mentioned that December may be a more realistic goal.

Newsletter (Bev Butula)

The latest newsletter is available on the LLAW website.

Nominating (Bev Butula)

Had nothing to report

Placement (Angela Ames)

Had nothing to report

Program (Carol Schmitt and Jenny Zook)

Jenny Zook reported that the 1st Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on September 11, 2006, at the Imperial Gardens Chinese Restaurant in Madison. The program is entitled *Patent Searching in Wisconsin* and will be presented by Nancy Spitzer, Patents & Technical Support Librarian at Wendt Library, and Carolyn Tweten, Director of Wisconsin TechSearch. Arrangements were made with board members to provide the necessary equipment for the meeting.

The November members' meeting will feature the Deputy Revisor and Assistant Revisor, Statutes, Bruce Hoesly. The meeting will be held at Highway Harry's in Johnson Creek.

Public Access (Angela Sanfilippo)

Angela Sanfillipo reported that she is reviewing legislative statements for WLA.

Public Relations (Susan O'Toole)

Susan O'Toole congratulated Bonnie Shucha and Mary Koshollek on the recent publication of their

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articles. She also encouraged members to continue writing articles. She suggested that members could base an article on material created for presentations they were giving. Specifically, she encouraged Bonnie Shucha, Amy Gannaway, Tony Chan, and Heidi Yelk to consider writing articles based on the presentations they will be giving on September 26, 2006, at the Howard Johnson Plaza in Madison. They will be presenting various topics at a seminar entitled, *Internet Searches: How to Get Accurate and Reliable Information*.

Bev Butula commented on the LLAW display at the AALL convention that was created by Jamie Kroenig. She noted that it was spectacular and Jamie did a super job!

Web Site (Heidi Yelk)

Heidi explained that the LLAW web site had recently been hacked. The site is hosted on the server at AALL in Chicago, and their Web administrator had been notified. The problem has been repaired and the website is up and running again.

Heidi Yelk noted that the Publications/article page would be up and running soon. She also noted that the spam blockers at some law firms have been blocking email messages from AALL and LLAW. Members will just have to contact their IT people to see if they can ameliorate the problem by putting AALL in their exceptions list.

Some spam has been coming through the AALL website. The only thing we can do is report those incidences to AALL.

Special Committee on By-laws (Bev Butula)

The Bylaws committee met over the summer and proposed the following language to facilitate increasing dues:

Dues and any reasonable increase in same for each class of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided that notice shall have been sent either via regular or electronic mail to the members at least 60 days in advance of the meeting.

The dues year is June 1 to May 31 of the following year. Dues are payable on June 1 of each year.

Sustaining members shall pay dues at three times the rate of the individual membership dues. Associate members and student members shall pay dues at one-half the cost of the individual membership dues. These dues are non-refundable.

Susan moved to approve the language as proposed and Amy moved to second the motion. The board members agreed unanimously. No one opposed and no one abstained.

Bev also mentioned that the Procedure Manual and the Bylaws are inconsistent and she will be working on that problem before the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. New Business

a.) Budget Review and Approval

While most committees budgeted amounts equal to last year, the Program, Nominating, and Newsletter committees requested modest increases. Jim Mumm reminded everyone that if we adopted the

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budget as proposed, we would need to look at revenue streams. This issue ties in to the proposed change to the by-laws relating to dues. Carol moved to approve the 2006-2007 budget requests and Bev moved to second the motion. The board members agreed unanimously. No one opposed and no one abstained.

b.) Internal Marketing Effort

Diane wants to revitalize membership by getting non-member law librarians and inactive members interested in LLAW. She proposed conducting a survey of the membership to better understand what they want and expect from the association. She also commented that she welcomed any feedback.

VIII. Other Announcements

Carol mentioned that she had been contacted by Danielle at Axley Brynelson, LLP. The firm is interested in sponsoring a luncheon/symposium on the beneficial role of the law librarian. Carol will follow up with Danielle.

Diane is looking for hosts for future board meetings.

IX. Adjournment

Carol moved to adjourn at 1:30 pm. and Angela seconded the motion. The board members agreed unanimously. No one opposed and no one abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Gehrke,
Secretary



First Quarterly Membership Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
September 11, 2006
Imperial Gardens Restaurant
Madison, Wisconsin

I. Called to order at 7:03 pm by President Diane Duffey

Present at the Meeting were:

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VP/President Elect	Carol Schmitt	Secretary	Lynne Gehrke
Public Relations	Susan O'Toole	Public Relations	Jamie Kroening
Grants	Amy Thornton	Placement	Angela Ames
Program	Carol Schmitt	Program	Jenny Zook
Web Site	Heidi Yelk	Public Access	Angela Sanfilippo

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- b. Summer business
 The *Wisconsin Law Journal* will be holding a luncheon on November 10, 2006, to honor the nominees for the inaugural year of the *Law Journal's* Unsung Heroes awards. Awards will be given in seven categories for legal support staff including law librarians.

The LLAW Board agreed to be involved in publicizing and judging the event. Diane Duffey served as LLAW representative and reviewed the nominations on

August 15, 2006. Diane noted that people making the nominations within the librarian category named librarians, as well as library staff members that were not librarians. Diane plans to suggest to the Wisconsin Law Journal that they change the category to "Library Staff".

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Government Relations (Presented by Diane Duffey)

Tony Chan had told Diane that there was nothing to report.

Grants (Amy Thornton)

The applications for professional development grants can be found online. Amy encouraged people to apply.

Membership (Presented by Diane Duffey)

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Julie Tessmer had reported that renewals were still trickling in.

Newsletter (Bev Butula)

The next deadline will be in November.

Nominating (Bev Butula)

If anyone is interested in a position, it is never too early to notify the nominating committee.

Placement (Angela Ames)

Angela had nothing to report

Program (Carol Schmitt and Jenny Zook)

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Carol and Jenny are still looking for ideas for the February membership meeting. For the spring membership meeting, they anticipate having a presentation by a panel of librarians that have changed careers.

Public Access to Legal Information (Angela Sanfilippo)

Angela had nothing to report.

Public Relations (Jamie Kroening)

Jamie had nothing to report. Diane Duffey noted that Susan O'Toole is always encouraging LLAW members to write articles.

Web Site (Heidi Yelk)

Heidi explained that the first page of the LLAW web site had recently been hacked. The site is hosted on the server at AALL in Chicago, and their Web administrator had been notified, the problem has been repaired, and the Web site is back up. Heidi was hopeful the problem wouldn't happen again.

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VIII. Other Announcements

Carol Schmitt mentioned that she had been in contact with the Wisconsin State Bar regarding continuing problems with their new billing system. She will be meeting with the State Bar soon to discuss pricing. She has already told them that the ABA gives a discount to librarians without any problems. She hopes that the talks will be productive and that they will be able to find a solution to the myriad of problems that have arisen under the recently adopted system.

IX. Adjournment

Vickie Coulter moved to adjourn at 7:26 pm and Pam Noyd moved to second the motion. The members agreed unanimously. No one opposed and no one abstained.

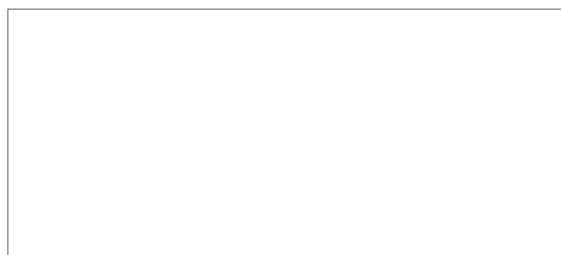
The members of LLAW would like to thank Lexis for providing tea and dessert at the meeting.

Following the business meeting, Nancy Spitzer, Patents & Technical Support Librarian at Wendt Library, and Carolyn Tweten, Director of Wisconsin TechSearch presented an informative program entitled *Finding Patents in Wisconsin: Wendt Library Delivers*.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne M. Gehrke,
Secretary



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